(b) and (c) Government of India have created a Fiscal Reforms Facility with an Incentive Fund of Rs. 10607.72 crores including Rs. 2161.81 crores for North Eastern States (2000-01 to 2004-05). All the State Governments including North Eastern States and Sikkim have been advised to draw up Medium Term Fiscal Reforms Programmes to address the problem of fiscal imbalance on a long-term basis. The incentive grants are available under the Fiscal Reforms Facility for drawal by States who have achieved a minimum benchmark in fiscal improvement under their Medium Term Fiscal Reforms Programme evolved by them.

(d) Does not arise.

Amount collected under registration by Mohan Nagar Awas Samiti

689. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected for Registration under categories 'A', 'B' and 'C' by Mohan Nagar Karamchari Sehkari Awas Samiti Ltd., Mohan Nagar from its inception in lumpsum or by instalments year-wise and the details thereof;

(b) whether such amounts have been reflected in Income tax return every year;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Category-wise records are not maintained by the Samiti for the amounts collected from its members. However, year-wise details of total collection from its members is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) A survey was conducted by the Income Tax Department on 15th February, 2001 at office of the Samiti. Scrutiny of its accounts was also taken up by reopening of its Income Tax assessment for Assessment

Years 1990-91 to 2000-2001. Assessment for these years have been completed in May/June 2002 raising a demand of Rs. 16,60,047/-

Statement

Year-wise details of total collection from its members

Financial Year	Amounts (Rs.) (Progressive)
1989-90	54,43,148
1990-91	84,55,648
1991-92	97,33,998
1992-93	71,01,439
1993-94	78,95,306
1994-95	97,76,004
1995-96	1,06,62,895
1996-97	3,25,89,046
1997-98	6,91,69,554
1998-99	9,05,12,476
1999-2000	10,04,04,069

Loans to rural poor in Himachal Pradesh

690. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of loans granted to the rural poor uneducated/ educated/skilled/unskilled under the self employment scheme in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years by the National and Rural Banks, Bank-wise, category-wise, district-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of criteria fixed by each Bank for granting loans to these people in the State;

(c) the details of applications lying pending with these Banks and whether poor people are facing difficulties in getting loans; and